

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A tire having a rotation timing indication hole comprising a multi-step hole defined in a tire tread, wherein

the multi-step hole includes a first step on a tread surface side and a second step located

closer to a bottom side than the first step;

the first step has a contour including one of a polygon formed by straight lines and a loop-shape formed by curved lines;

the second step has a contour including the other of the polygon and the loop-shape, the

contour of the second step being different from the contour of the first step and being  
~~inscribed on or included in~~ circumscribed by the contour of the first step; and

the first step and the second step have depths separately representative of different degrees  
of wear of a tread surface until tire rotation timing.

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) The tire having the rotation timing indication hole as set forth in  
claim 12, wherein the loop-shape forms a rounded shape.

16. (currently amended) The tire having the rotation timing indication hole as set forth in  
~~claim 15~~ claim 12, wherein

the polygon is any one of a triangle, a square, a pentagon, and a hexagon; and  
the rounded shape is either one of a perfect circle and an ellipse.

17. (previously presented) The tire having the rotation timing indication hole as set forth in  
claim 12, wherein

the first step has the contour including the loop-shape; and  
the second step has the contour including the polygon.

18. (previously presented) The tire having the rotation timing indication hole as set forth in claim 12, wherein

the first step has the contour including the polygon; and  
the second step has the contour including the loop-shape.

19. (canceled)

20. (previously presented) The tire having the rotation timing indication hole as set forth in any one of claims 12 and 15 to 18, wherein the rotation timing indication hole comprises twelve holes, in total, arranged in pairs in the widthwise direction of the tire, the resulting six pairs of the holes being arranged at uniform intervals in a circumferential direction of the tire.

21. - 22. (canceled)